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SUBJECT: MOBUTU TOVISIT BELGIUM

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES TOLD US THAT PRESIDENT MOBUTU
WOULD VISIT BRUSSELS FOR THREE DAYS PROBABLY JANUARY 16-19.
STOPPING FIRST IN PARIS TO SEE PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING
JUST BEFOREHAND. FOLLOWING IS HOW TRIP MATERIALIZED.

WHEN MOBUTU WAS IN SWITZERLAND EARLIER THIS FALL,
KING BAUDOUIN SENT HIM FRIENDLY MESSAGE INVITING
HIM TO DROP BY BRUSSELS SINCE HE WAS SO CLOSE.
KING'S MESSAGE WAS FRIENDLY GESTURE WHICH WAS NOT
SUPPOSED TO BE ACCEPTED:
MOBUTU RETURNED TO KINSHASA AND THEN DECIDED TO
"ACTIVATE" KING'S "INVITATION". AND NOW THE BELGIAN
GOVERNMENT IS STUCK.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S AFRICAN DIRECTOR LE BRUN CHARACTERIZED
IT AS "PRIVATE VISIT" BUT SAID THERE WOULD BE
SUBSTANTIVE TALKS ON WIDE RANGE OF BELGIAN-ZAIRIAN
ISSUES, FOREMOST OF WHICH WOULD PROBABLY BE
ZAIRIANIZATION. FIRESTONE

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